

Matthew 10:5-15 **Instructions to the Twelve as Jesus sent them out**

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. 9 Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, 10 nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food. 11 Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. 12 And when you go into a household, greet it. 13 If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city! NKJV

Facts Revealed:

To the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel only

- ✚ The Disciples were sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. [Matthew 10:5-6]
- ✧ Revelations of God came to the World first through the Children of Israel as a light or example to the Gentiles.
- ✧ Only after it had first been delivered to the Children of Israel, was it from them delivered to the Gentiles. [Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47, Acts 13:45-47, Romans 1:16-17, 2:9-10, (2:1-29), 3:1-2, (3:1-31)]
- ✧ This was evidenced as God brought Israel out of Egyptian bondage, that Israel first, the Egyptians, Pharaoh, and the nations might hear and know that Yehowah is the only god over all the earth.
- ✧ Yehowah gave the godly righteous laws first to the Children of Israel from Mount Sinai (Horeb), as contrast to the laws of other nations.
- ✧ Yehowah sent All His prophets through the Children of Israel, except Balaam the sorcerer, whom God used to deliver a prophecy concerning Israel and the Messiah of Judah, when Balak king of Moab wanted to curse Israel.
- ✧ Israel became God's example to the World, that God does everything He has said He would do, and will fulfill everything He has spoken through the prophets of Israel.
 - ❖ That includes the blessings and abundance promised Israel for obedience to God's laws. [Joshua 21:45, 23:14, 1 Kings 8:56]
 - ❖ It also includes the curses and punishments promised Israel for disobedience toward God's laws. The Holocaust of the second world war is a prime example.
 - ❖ It includes the remnant God promised to keep of the Children of Israel.
 - ❖ It includes the Messiah Who would be the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, that "In your seed, all the nations of the earth will be blessed."
- ✧ God has never failed to keep His covenant with Israel, both the blessings, and the curses are equal parts of the Covenant.
- ✧ Now the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven is given first to the Children of Israel.

Message of the Kingdom confirmed by miraculous signs

- ✚ The message they preach is, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." [Matthew 10:7]
- ✚ The message of the Kingdom is confirmed by the powers Jesus gave the Disciples to perform.
 - ✧ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. [Matthew 10:8]
 - ✧ The **miracles are evidence** that God has approved the message of the Kingdom.

Take no supplies with you [Matthew 10:9-10]

- ✚ The worker is worthy to receive support from the recipients. [Matthew 10:9-10]

- ✧ Freely you have received, freely give. [Matthew 10:8]
- ✧ Take no supplies for your journey, gold, silver, copper coins, in your money belts.
- ✧ Take no bag, extra tunics, sandals or. Staffs.
- ✧ Because the worker is worthy of his food.

Reception and Response

- ✚ When you enter a city or town, find a worthy household, and stay there while you are in the city or town. [Matthew 10:11] Don't move from house to house. [Luke 10:7]
- ✧ When you enter a household, greet it. [Matthew 10:12-13]
 - ❖ If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. The peace, is the peace of the Holy Spirit in you, that gives an atmosphere of peacefulness and calm around you which others can sense in your presence.
 - ❖ If it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

Accountability on the day of Judgment

- ✚ Whoever will not receive you or listen to the message of the Kingdom.
 - ✧ When you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet as a witness against that house or city. [Matthew 10:14, Mark 6:11, Luke 9:5, 10:10]
 - ✧ It will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah, in the day of Judgment, than for that city. [Matthew 10:15, Mark 6:11, Luke 10:12]
 - ✧ One of the factors considered at the Judgment Seat of Christ, and at the Great White Throne, is how receptive were you to the message of the Kingdom of Heaven?
- ✚ And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. [Mark 6:30-32, Luke 9:10]